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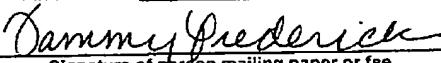
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Application of:

Inventors : Jonathan M. Rich, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/677,565  
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Title : FRICTION FACING  
MATERIAL  
FOR USE IN A FRICTION  
ENVIRONMENT  
Group : 3681  
Examiner : Richard M. Lorence  
Docket No. : SEH 026 P2

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 8, 2005, with the  
time for response being extended up to and including March 8, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.